

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows.

8. (Amended) A method for operating a plurality of linked gaming machines, comprising the steps of:

providing an attraction feature for each gaming machine; and
causing said attraction features to be operated as a group when any one of said
5 linked gaming machines provides a signal indicative of a predetermined
event designed to activate an attraction feature.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said predetermined event is an entry
into a bonus round.

14. (Amended) A coordinated group of gaming machines, comprising:

a plurality of gaming machines, each machine having a basic game which a
player can play;
an attraction mechanism associated with each said gaming machine;
5 an operator for each said attraction mechanism responsive to an activation
signal;
a communication network linking said operators; and
a signal generator which yields said activation signal upon a predetermined
event, said activation signal being communicated to each said operator
10 to operate said attraction mechanisms as a group.

25. (Amended) An electronically linked group of gaming machines, comprising:
a plurality of gaming machines, each machine having a basic game upon which
a player places a wager and plays said basic game;
a mechanized feature associated with each said gaming machine, said
mechanized feature having parts which visibly move in a manner
perceptible by a player;
a controller operating said mechanized feature upon an activation signal;
a communication network linking said controllers; and
a signal generator which yields said activation signal upon a predetermined
event in operation of a gaming machine, said activation signal being
communicated to each said controller to operate said mechanized
features as a group.

35. (Amended) The gaming system of claim 34 further including an operator for each
said attraction feature responsive to an activation signal, a communication network
linking said operators, and a signal generator which yields said activation signal upon a
predetermined event, said activation signal being communicated to each said operator by
said controller to operate said attraction features as a group.